

## YeJi Lee to defend her title at the 31<sup>st</sup> TT Ladies Golf Open

The Nestle Svelty Ladies Golf Tournament tees off at the St Andrews Golf Club in Maraval on Saturday 23 February. This is the 31<sup>st</sup> edition of the event which Nestle has sponsored since its inception in 1989 and which continues to support ladies golf in Trinidad and Tobago. In addition to lady golfers from clubs throughout the country, a number of golfers from the Caribbean will also be in attendance. The tournament is played in 3 divisions to accommodate the full range of handicaps. Teenager YeJi Lee will defend her title and, with a 2 handicap, is the favourite on her home course. She won the Brechin Castle Open in early January, but she will need to maintain her focus to stay ahead of another teenager, Sarah Ramphal as well as Barbadians Lynn McLeod and Julia Stephenson. This tournament will count towards rankings for selection on National teams for the Caribbean Championships and other regional and international competitions later in the year.

In the lower divisions, young golfers like Chloe Ajodha and Azariah Joseph will have the opportunity to show their stuff. Both have graduated from the 3<sup>rd</sup> flight and will compete against more seasoned players in the 2<sup>nd</sup> flight. The tournament is played over 2 days and will end on Sunday. The golf course conditions are expected to be hard and fast as the dry season takes its toll and will require strategic course management from all players. The greens have been well maintained in spite of the current lack of rain and will, as usual, prove to be a test for both novice and seasoned players.

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